

## Forest Service, USDA

## § 215.1

### § 213.3 Protection, occupancy, use, administration, and exercise of reservations.

(a) The rules and regulations applicable to the national forests as set forth in title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, or as hereafter amended, supplemented, or promulgated, are hereby adopted as the rules and regulations to govern the exercise of reservations in conveyances to the United States and to prevent trespasses on and otherwise regulate the protection, use, occupancy, and administration of the National Grasslands and all other lands administered by the Forest Service under the provisions of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act insofar as is practical and consistent with said act: *Provided*, That Forest Service officers may continue under delegated authority to acquire lands, to make exchanges, to grant easements and enter into leases, permits, agreements, contracts and memoranda of understanding involving such lands under such terms and conditions and for such consideration, fees or rentals as authorized by title III of the said Act.

(b) Existing valid rights, reservations easements, leases, permits, agreements, contracts and memoranda of understanding affecting these lands shall continue in full force and effect so long as they remain valid in accordance with the terms thereof.

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### § 213.4 Prior rules and regulations superseded.

Except as provided in § 213.3, the rules and regulations heretofore issued for the land utilization projects are hereby superseded as to all such projects administered by the Forest Service, but not as to such project lands administered by other agencies.

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## PART 215—NOTICE, COMMENT, AND APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### § 215.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) *Purpose*. The rules of this part have two purposes. First, this part establishes a process by which persons or organizations may receive notice and be provided opportunity to comment on proposed actions implementing national forest land and resource management plans prior to a final decision by the responsible official. This includes notice of and opportunity to comment on nonsignificant amendments of land and resource management plans that are made in conjunction with those proposed actions. Second, this part provides for prompt administrative review of project and activities implementing forest plans and establishes who may appeal decisions on planned actions, the kind of decisions that may be appealed, the responsibilities of the participants in an appeal, and the procedures that apply.

(b) *Scope*. The process established in this part constitutes the final administrative opportunity for the public to influence National Forest System project decisionmaking prior to implementation. The rules of this part complement, but do not replace, numerous other opportunities to participate in and influence agency decisionmaking